

REVISING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHPLACE NATIONAL MONUMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

SEPTEMBER 4, 2002.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HANSEN, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 3449]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 3449) to revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 3449 is to revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Historic Monument, and for other purposes.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

The George Washington Birthplace National Monument located in Westmoreland County, Virginia, was designated on January 23, 1930. The 550-acre Monument memorializes George Washington and place of his birth. The historic monument was visited by 150,672 people in 2001, and contains a replica of the Washington home and the unearthed brick foundation of the house where he was born, as well as the Washington family cemetery where George's father, grandfather, and great-grandfather are buried.

The proposed boundary expansion, which includes the land currently dividing the park into two separate parcels, would prevent anticipated residential development. Up to 115 acres would be acquired from a single willing seller (the Muse Family) by donation, purchase with donated funds, exchange or with appropriated funds.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 3449 was introduced on December 11, 2001, by Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis (R-VA). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands. On July 16, 2002, the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill. On July 24, 2002, the Full Resources Committee met to consider the bill. The Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3449 by unanimous consent. No amendments were offered and the bill was then ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by unanimous consent.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources' oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States grants Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. However, clause 3(d)(3)(B) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

2. Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

3. General Performance Goals and Objectives. This bill does not authorize funding and therefore, clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives does not apply.

4. Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, August 14, 2002.

Hon. JAMES V. HANSEN,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 3449, a bill to revise the

boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis.

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. SUNSHINE
(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

Enclosure.

H.R. 3449—A bill to revise the boundaries of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument

H.R. 3449 would expand the boundary of the George Washington Birthplace National Monument in Virginia to include an adjacent 115-acre parcel of land. The National Park Service (NPS) would be authorized to acquire the parcel by donation, purchase, or exchange.

Based on information provided by the NPS and the property's owners, and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that it would cost between \$1 million and \$2 million over the next year or two to purchase the added parcel. We estimate that additional costs to develop the new acreage and operate the expanded national monument would not be significant.

H.R. 3449 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

If enacted, this bill would make no changes to existing law.

